

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 19 October 65 19/2030Z	2. LOCATION Vero Beach, Florida
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was described as a large silver lightbulb-shaped balloon. Disappearance was made by exploding. Fragments and valve were picked up by power company men who had been alarmed. Couldn't understand why there was a power shortage. Fragments of the balloon had landed on the wires.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

it exploded

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

- a. Sound *no just explosion when it hit the water*
 b. Color *silver (aluminum)*

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

*size of large double door
 sliding glass doors a little higher*

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

D *D*

light bulb shape

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

pretty rapid

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

*1 1/2 mi away -
from ocean to*

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

100 ft from observer

22. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

a. Inside a building

b. In a car

c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane (type)

e. At sea

f. Other _____

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?

b. In the residential section of a city?

c. In open countryside?

d. Near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other _____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North

c. East

e. South

g. West

b. Northeast

d. Southeast

f. Southwest

h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? 35 miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

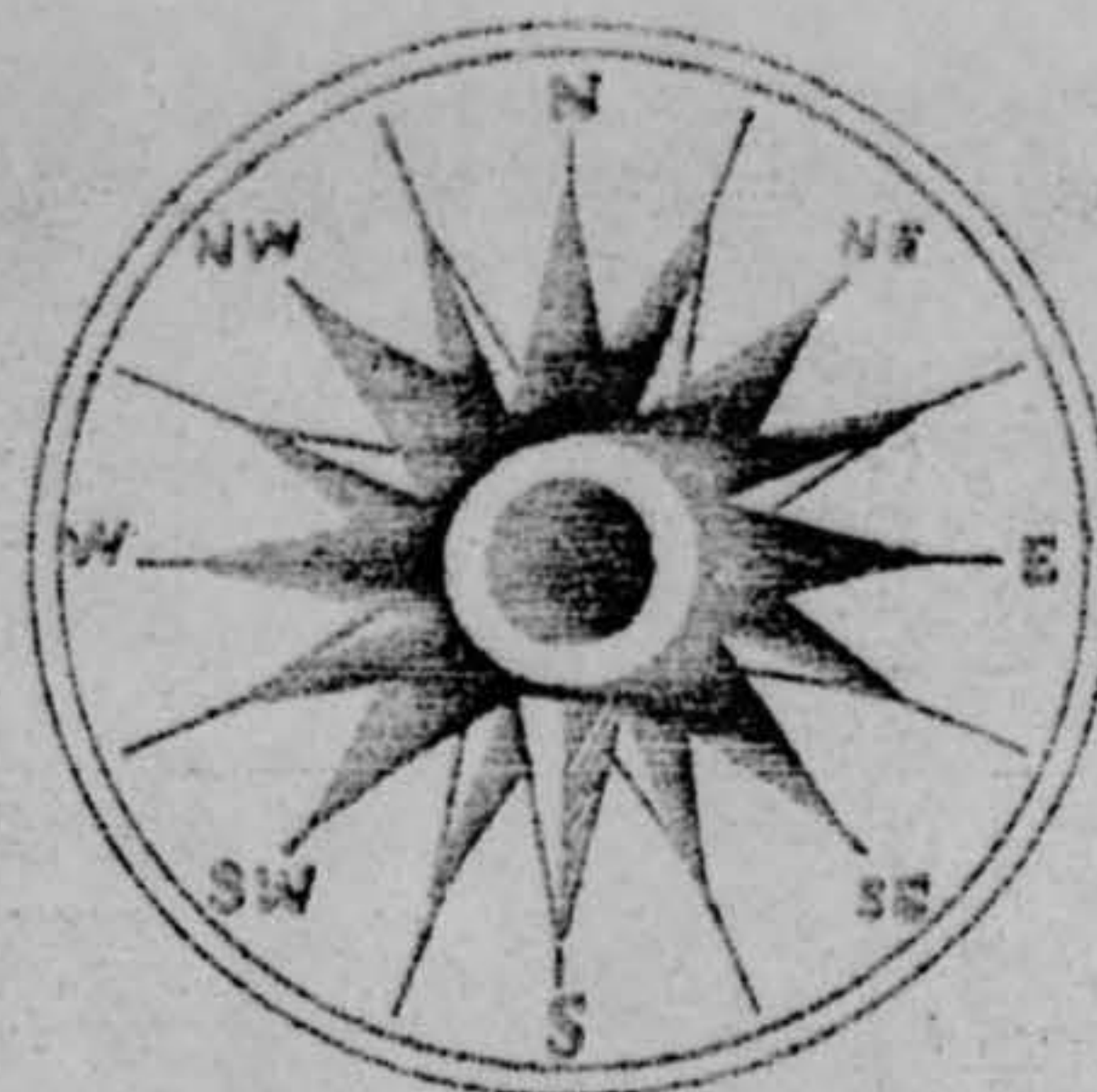
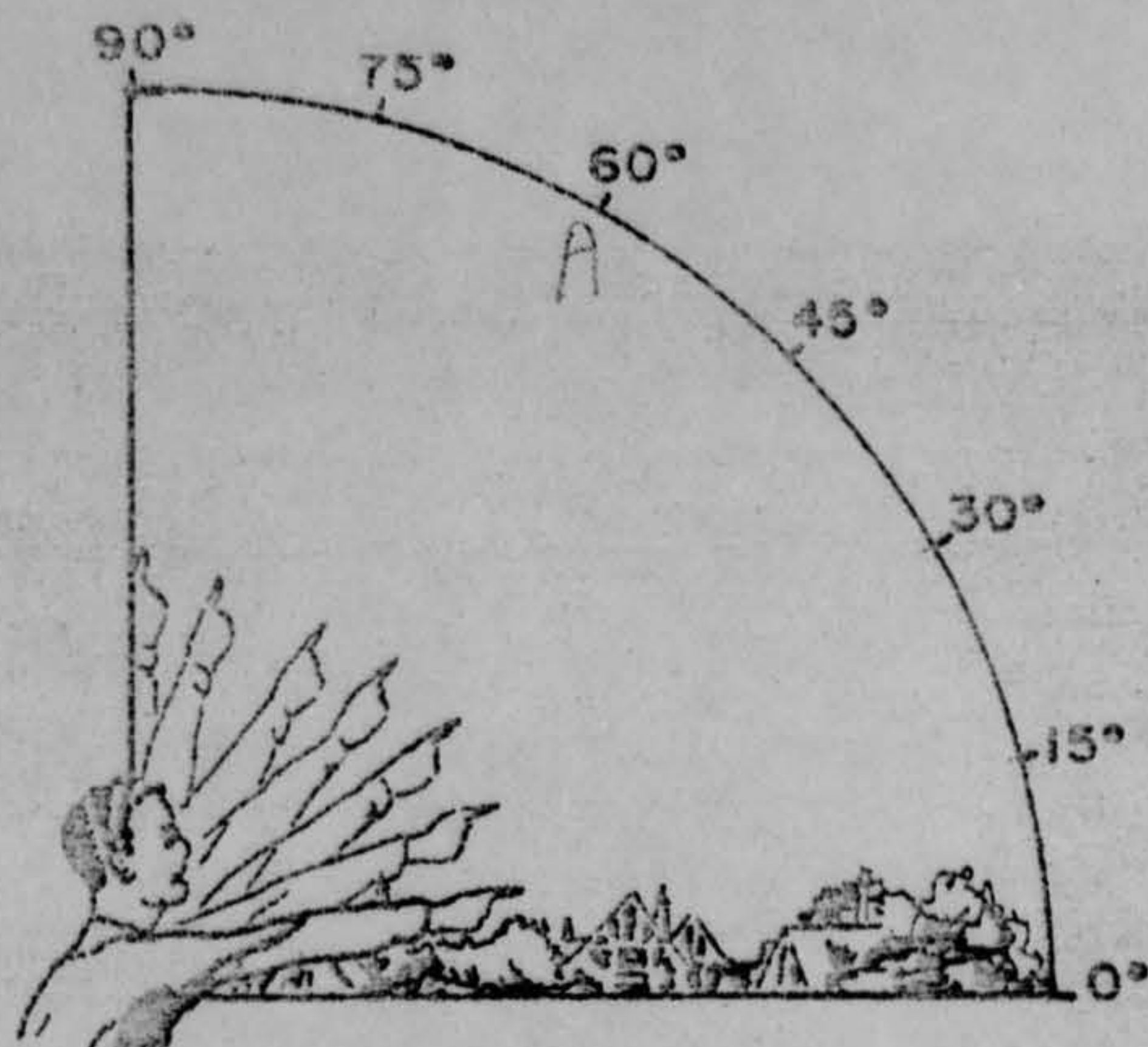
No

h. Other _____

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

*large silver lightbulb shaped
balloon*

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.



28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

no

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One)

Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One)

Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

AGE

SEX

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

Student

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year

SARF Ice
By USAF

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:

22

Day

Oct

Month

65

Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

fragments + valve were packed up
 by power co men who had been
 alarmed + couldn't understand why
 they had a power shortage + felt it
 affected all 3 phases of the line -
 service was momentarily interrupted
 and almost pulled down the
 feeder for the whole north beach
 system. Short was never fixed
 had ever experienced - described
 fabric "I never saw material
 like it" He indicated if it hit
 the line of the power plant it would
 knock it down - ~~_____~~
 superintended - ~~_____~~

Name on valve - ~~_____~~

I took this boy
show - in the Billin
boy in Verd Beach, Va

Vero Beach, Florida

DEC - 8 1965

Mrs. Hunt/man/SAFOICC/71128/7 Dec 65

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

The balloon which was recovered near Vero Beach, Florida, was manufactured by the G. T. Schjeldahl Company, Northfield, Minnesota. This particular balloon was probably launched from Cape Kennedy in preparation for the Gemini 6 launch.

The Schjeldahl Company has supplied approximately 1500 of these metalized mylar plastic balloons to the Marshall Space Jet Center at Huntsville, Alabama, for launch at Cape Kennedy. They are meteorological balloons which collect data on temperature, pressure, and density of the atmosphere prior to a launch. Balloons of this type are launched as frequently as every 5 minutes during the last hour of the countdown. Most of these balloons probably end up over the water due to prevailing winds.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Vero Beach, Florida

SYMBOL	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
AND	cc	e			
OF	SA				

Record of - SAFOI-2
Control of - SAFOI-2
Reader of - SAFOI-1
Activity of - SAFOI-3
Starback

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



LETTER TO
ATTN OF: TDEW/UFO

DEC 2 1965

SUBJECT: Balloon, Vero Beach

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)

Reference the balloon which was recovered at Vero Beach, Florida. It can be stated that the balloon was manufactured by the G T Schjeldahl Company, Northfield, Minnesota. This particular balloon was probably launched from Cape Kennedy just prior to the Gemini 6 mission. The Schjeldahl Company has supplied approximately 1,500 of these metallic mylar balloons to the Marshall Space Center for launch at the Cape. These are meteorological balloons which collect information on temperature, pressure, and density of the atmosphere prior to a launch. At times, some of these balloons are launched as frequently as every five minutes during the last hour of the count-down in order to obtain data on wind direction and velocity. Most of these balloons would probably end up over the water due to the prevailing winds.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems



YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

The News Tribune
FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

Nov. 24, 1965

MISS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss [REDACTED]:

Got my aluminum "light Bulb" back
from Wright-Patterson Air Base, but no explanation
of whose, from whence, whither headed, or why.

Not to mention what it is.

May I expect a report on same from your office?

Very sincerely yours,

THE NEWS TRIBUNE
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Clippings enclosed

~~REDACTED~~



MISS SARA HUNT •
Community Relations
SAFOI
Pentagon,
Washington, D. C.

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

BALLOON:

1. Wallops Island, NASA, is conducting a series of tests, using blimp-like balloons in an experimental project. Balloons are manufactured by the G.T. Schjeldahl Co (Schell-dahl) of Northfield, Minnesota. The balloons are blimp shaped, 13.7 to 16.5 feet long, four inches in diameter, metalized mylar plastic, and the balloon has 3 inflated fins off the tail. Balloon can drift for several hundred miles, depending on winds. Balloons have serial numbers, and DR-Design Release Numbers.
2. The G.T. Schjeldahl Co also manufactures another type balloon. This balloon is approximately two meters in diameter(sphere), metalized mylar plastic, and has 3" high projection horns, spikes, reflectors for radar tracking. Used to measure wind velocity before a launch. Have supplied 1500 of these balloons to the Marshall Space Center.

October 26, 1965

The Langley Research Center is conducting a research project with experimental balloons at Wallops. The manufacturer of these balloons is the G. T. Schjeldahl Company, Northfield, Minn. A series of six of these balloons are being launched in the current tests.

The balloon is shaped like a blimp 13.7 to 16.5 feet long about 4 feet in diameter. It has 3 fins off the tail which are also inflated. It is made of metalized mylar plastic.

One was launched October 19, two were launched October 20, one on October 25, and the other two in the series may be launched today.

One of these balloons launched last week landed inland about 25 miles (air miles) from Wallops Island and generated a flurry of public interest.

The Air Force UFO Information Office at the Pentagon called this morning and they had been interrogated about a balloon which struck a power line in Bero Beach, Florida, and exploded. They wondered if it might have been launched at Wallops. The project people said it was most unlikely that any balloon launched at Wallops would drift that far, but not impossible. They also felt that the Bero Beach balloon was probably one launched at the Cape in connection with the Gemini 6 mission. The Schjeldahl Company representative said they have supplied about 1500 2-meter metalized mylar plastic balloons to Huntsville for launch at the Cape, and the Bero Beach balloon may have been one of these. However, the Air Force UFO Office said they understood the Bero Beach balloon was shaped like a light bulb.

The project people here feel that persons finding balloons should, if they want to find out where they came from, write the company, giving the serial number and the Design Release number on the balloon.

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

19 Oct 65
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

3 50
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

~~_____~~
Nearest Postal Address

Vars Beach
City or Town

Fla
State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration)

_____ 4 _____
Hours Minutes Seconds

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? 6 days or so away from school

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No until exploded

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One):

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One):

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: (Circle One):

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- d. As a light
- e. Don't remember

a silver balloon

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? (Circle One):

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object:

12. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

13. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| d. Give off smoke? <i>silver flash</i> | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| e. Change brightness? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |
| f. Change shape? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't know |